



Key Messages:

- Temporary restrictions to visitation and open family presence have been put in place as part of a provincial public health order to protect the most vulnerable in our care. The Saskatchewan Health Authority is working to accommodate creative ways for loved ones to visit with residents in long term care homes within the guidelines of the current public health order.
- The ability to visit face-to-face is important to our residents, families and staff. One way to facilitate these visits with residents is to provide the opportunity for outdoor visits.
- Each home is required to work diligently to accommodate outdoor visitation and are encouraged to be creative to facilitate visits safely.
- Broad guidelines for these visits have been developed to assist with the creation of visitation plans within your local long term care home.
- Visitation plans may be adjusted as we learn what works through feedback from our residents, families and staff.
- If there is an outbreak, changes may need to be made to outdoor visitation. The following guidelines apply in non-outbreak situations.



Guiding Principles:



Arrange visits in advance to ensure that staff are available to assist if needed.

Screening will be done when booking visits or at the door through regular screening procedures. Signage must be in place at location of visits to remind people of screening questions.



Physical distancing of a minimum of two metres must be maintained at all times .
Masks are not necessary in this context if they impede the ability to communicate.*

Outdoor visits can include more than one visitor at a time, provided that physical distancing can be maintained. Family members from the same household do not have to physically distance from one another.



Please ensure you are communicating regularly and clearly with residents, families and staff about this new visitation option.

* Masks will be required if two metre distance cannot be maintained or if the family member/support person has been to [an area of concern](#) in the last 14 days.